

Dear Stephen,

I'm afraid that I will be unable to attend the Select Board meeting on February 1, but I strongly endorse these new traffic calming measures for our neighborhood and hope you will convey these opinions to our town officials. Although I do not have a stake in the closing of Sunset Avenue, I believe that not adding the third barrier will simply divert much of our current traffic to Sunset. I would hate to do that to our neighbors; a neighborhood-wide solution seems essential. I therefore hope that the third barrier will be supported.

I am delighted to hear that real speed tables might be adopted. The speed cushions just seemed to make sport for some vehicles which swerved dangerously around them, further endangering the many bicyclists who use our street to commute. The speed tables on Route 9 and South Pleasant Street appear to be very effective. I hope these measures, taken together will provide safer biking so our many bicyclists will continue to be able to use the streets to commute to the university. I was stunned on a trip last summer to NYC to find that a city of that size could install safe bike lanes, but that Amherst still cannot find the will to do so.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ratner

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Thanks, Stephen, for taking on this task.

Yes, I'd be in favor of barrier on Sunset as well as Lincoln Ave. And yes, I'm in favor of real "speed tables" and not merely bumps or cut-through cushions.

Sorry that I can't attend the public hearing on Tuesday -- I'm full-up with attention to Gateway & Article 8, and it looks as if the traffic diversion & volume issue is in excellent hands.

One issue you may not have taken up: Running teams from UMA or the high school, heading en masse down Lincoln Ave. I find this very troubling, & had tried, for a few years, calling the relevant athletic departments. Is this on your list of concerns?

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